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Subject: The HUD Housing Counseling NOFA is Open to State Housing Finance Agencies:

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Attention State Housing Finance Agencies:

The HUD Housing Counseling NOFA is Open to State Housing Finance Agencies:

On January 24, 2013 HUD's Office of Housing Counseling published its Comprehensive Housing Counseling Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). This NOFA is open to State Housing Finance Agencies (SHFA) eligible to receive Federal funding. Interested eligible SHFAs do not need pre approval from HUD to apply for this NOFA. SHFAs can allocate funds to sub-grantees or use the funding for direct provision of housing counseling services.

All applications are completed electronically through www.grants.gov Please reference CFDA #14.169. In order to facilitate your application, HUD has published registration guidance at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=ohc_120712.pdf To read this NOFA online please

visit: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fu ndsavail/nofa13/chc

The purpose of housing counseling is to provide counseling and advice to tenants and homeowners, both current and prospective, with respect to property maintenance, financial management/ literacy, and such other matters as may be appropriate to assist them in improving their housing conditions, meeting their financial needs, and fulfilling the responsibilities of tenancy or homeownership. Funding provided by this NOFA is intended to support HUD-approved counseling agencies to respond flexibly to the needs of residents and neighborhoods, and deliver a wide variety of housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners, renters, and the homeless.

SHFA's can direct any questions about this NOFA or HUD's Housing Counseling Program by email to: housing.counseling@hud.gov

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Bulk subscriptions:

Some housing counselors have asked, "How do I sign up my entire agency staff for housing counseling listserv updates?" It is easy... Just list your staff email addresses like this:

aaa@xyz.com bbb@xyz.com ccc@xyz.com

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Email your list to: jerrold.h.mayer@hud.gov

If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listsery, there are 3 other ways to sign up: 1. send them this link:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_listserv they can sign up for the listserv there; or 2: forward them this email; or 3: Visit: http://www.usa.gov and subscribe at:

http://apps.gsa.gov/FirstGovCommonSubscriptionService.php To unsubscribe - go to: http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/subscribe/mailinglist and click on "Housing Counseling" and follow the unsubscribe instructions on that page.

Some useful links for housing counselors:

HUD Housing Counseling: www.hud.gov/housingcounseling

Events & Training Calendar:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC TRAINING

Contracting Opportunities:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/cpo

Career Opportunities: http://www.usajobs.gov

Grant Opportunities:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/disaster

Foreclosure Assistance:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/i_want_to/talk_to_a_housing_counselor

Making Home Affordable: http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/pages/default.aspx

This list will often provide training opportunities and event announcements for non-profit and local government HUD Housing Counseling partners. HUD does not endorse the organizations sponsoring linked websites, and we do not endorse the views they express or the products/services they or their community/business partners offer. For more information on HUD's web policies please visit: http://www.hud.gov/assist/webpolicies.cfm

Thank you!!!!